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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: 2002 Preparedness Reviews

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The Bureau's *Standards for Fire Operations* (BLM Handbook 9213-1) requires the Director, Office of Fire and Aviation, to conduct fire preparedness reviews annually so all states are reviewed within a four-year period.

The following states will be reviewed in 2002:

New Mexico: May 12 - May 22

Idaho: Late June, early July (specific dates to be determined)

The reviews will utilize the *Interagency Preparedness Review Guide*, which is currently being updated and will be available prior to the review dates.

At the request of the State Fire Management Officers, the Office of Fire and Aviation will coordinate the reviews, but the review team members will come primarily from the state programs. In order to insure quality reviews, states must participate in the nomination process and insure the nominees are available and committed for the duration of the review.

Review teams will consist of firefighters and resource management personnel from within and out of state, and will be led by a representative of the Office of Fire and Aviation. One team for New Mexico and two teams for Idaho will be used in order to complete a timely review. The use of interagency partners for these teams is encouraged.

Preparedness review teams will consist of personnel with expertise in the following areas:

- < Line Management
- < Safety
- < Fire Operations
- < Fire Business Management
- < Dispatch/Logistics
- < Aviation
- < Prescribed Fire
- < Prevention/Education

Preparedness reviews are excellent training and career development opportunities for employees. Participation will provide broadened experience and an expanded knowledge of BLM operations. Travel, per diem, and overtime wages for team members will be provided by the Office of Fire and Aviation.

All states are requested to nominate a minimum of three individuals by March 22, 2002. Please include their area of expertise and direct this information via email to vmazzier@nifc.blm.gov . If there are any questions call Vince Mazzier, Office of Fire and Aviation, 208-387-5477.

Thank you for your support and commitment to this extremely important effort.

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